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COORDINATION AND SUPERVISION OF COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES
AND PROCEDURES RELATED TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY

Reference: Presidential letter of 22 January 1946
(Enclosure to N.I.A. Directive #1)

Memorandum by the Director of Central Intelligence, with
the Unanimous Concurrence of the Intelligence Advisory Board

1. A survey, initiated by the Central Intelligence Group, indicates that a comprehensive, national program providing for the central direction, coordination and supervision of matters pertaining to our foreign counterintelligence activities and to the internal security control procedures relative to the safeguarding of information, personnel, equipment and installations of the departments and agencies of the Federal Government is required.
2. Counterintelligence is that aspect of intelligence relating to all security control measures, both active and passive, designed to insure the safeguarding of information, personnel, equipment and installations against the espionage, sabotage or subversive activities of foreign powers and of disaffected or dissident groups or individuals which constitute a threat to the security of the national interests.
3. Paragraph 1 of the referenced Presidential letter designated the National Intelligence Authority as responsible for planning, developing and coordinating all Federal foreign intelligence activities so as to assure the most effective accomplishment of the intelligence mission related to the national security. Furthermore, paragraph 3b of the letter charged the Director of Central Intelligence with the responsibility of planning for the coordination of those activities of the intelligence agencies of the National Intelligence Authority which relate to the national security and of recommending to the Authority the establishment of such over-all policies and objectives as will assure the most effective accomplishment of the

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national intelligence mission. Paragraph 2 above indicates that counterintelligence activities are an integral part of general intelligence activities. A more detailed discussion relative to the subject matter is contained in Enclosure "B" hereto.

4. Paragraph 4 of the cited Presidential letter states that the Director of Central Intelligence is prohibited from exercising police, law enforcement or internal security functions. Therefore, the Central Intelligence Group may not engage in operating functions of this nature; however, it is believed that this prohibition does not imply that the coordination of the foreign counterintelligence operations pertaining to the national security, with the related security operations conducted within the United States and its possessions by appropriate Federal agencies under existing law is forbidden.

5. It is concluded that the interests of national security require that the N.I.A., in order to implement those provisions of the Presidential letter cited in paragraph 3 above:

a. Announce the broad national policies and procedures to govern the central direction, coordination and supervision of our foreign counterintelligence activities and of the internal security control procedures of the departments and agencies of the Federal Government which relate to the national security.

b. Provide for a central counterintelligence coordination structure, consisting of representatives from appropriate departments and agencies of the Federal Government, which will be responsible, under the direction of the Director of Central Intelligence, for discharging functions pertaining to the central coordination of such policies and procedures and for fully effecting appropriate, correlated implementation thereof.

6. The appended draft N.I.A. Directive has been prepared to provide a means for action based upon the above conclusions. It has been unanimously concurred in by the Director of Central Intelligence and the Intelligence Advisory Board which included the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a member for the consideration of this matter.

7. It is recommended that the National Intelligence Authority approve the Draft Directive appended hereto.